COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING UP:
- World Summit for Social Development (WSSD), Copenhagen 1995
- Social Dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED BY CSOCD:
- Poverty Eradication
- Inequalities
- Decent work for all
- Social inclusion
- Situations and programmes on youth, older persons, persons with disabilities and the family

CSOCD59 FOCUSED ON:

SOCially JUST TRANSITION towards more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development
- A shift in mindset: from pursuing short-term economic gains to rebalancing economic, social, and environmental objectives
- Recovery from COVID-19: an opportunity to build a sustainable future for all, leaving no one behind.

Four priority actions

1. Universal social protection systems
   - 55% of the world’s population still has no access to social protection
   - Need to establish/strengthen nationally appropriate social protection systems and progressively extend their coverage

2. About 3.7 billion people in the world are unconnected
   - Close the digital divide towards universal connectivity
   - Improve access, affordability, skills, and awareness/relevance

3. Vulnerable/disadvantaged young people are at risk of being trapped in a cycle of deprivation
   - Globally, half of the 1.3 billion people living in multidimensional poverty is under the age of 18
   - Need to enhance digital skills and access to financing for youth to benefit from income-generating opportunities offered by digital technologies
   - Invest in their human capital to enhance resilience and economic growth

4. The COVID-19 crisis reversed hard-won social development gains in Africa
   - An additional 32-34 million people are estimated to have fallen into extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa
   - Coordinated and inclusive social protection systems are key to deliver humanitarian interventions against shocks
   - Need to invest in these systems to make a lasting impact

CSOCD60, 7-16 FEBRUARY 2022:
- Focus on eradicating poverty and hunger to enable inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19
- Deliver sustainable livelihoods, well-being, and dignity for all to achieve the 2030 Agenda, and leave no one behind
- Share national experiences, regional perspectives and innovative solutions

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